

Remarks


Applicants respectfully draw the Office's attention to the identical classification of Groups VI and VII.

Applicants respectfully draw the Office's attention to United States Patent No. 6,432,631, issued August 13, 2002, from serial No. 09/330,245, filed June 10, 1999. In particular applicants point out the restriction requirement contained in paper No. 7, mailed May 8, 2000. The Office may wish to consider the different groupings of claims presented in the present and former restriction requirements.

Request for a Telephonic Interview

If the Examiner deems it useful, Applicants request, at the Examiner's convenience, a telephonic interview with Mark Bosse at (650) 522-5569 for the purpose of expediting the allowance of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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